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thu- for it is hard to believe that a man with Angio Saxon blood flowing in his veine, would, for the sake of political success stoop so low as to attempt to arouse the bit-

and good order of the State there can longer be no noubt. "Rev." James Epps, familiabe no doubt. "Rev." James Epps, faminately known as Jim Epps, is a fail, rawboned black negro, who have in a little shanty on the len is of James A. Stone, just at the east end of the trestle, upon which the Atlantic and Da wille road crosses Pumpkin creek. He is a smart, shrewd negro, and the head of quite a family, among whom are several grown boys. He renes the shanty in which he lives from Mr. Stone, and also rents from Dr. H W. Cole, of the city, the island in Dan river known as Flag island. He makes a crop, or rather makes his boys make a crop on the is and, manages several fish traps there, catches drift wood which he hauls to town and seils, and thus by working his boys as veritable slaves, he manages to make a living without soiling his own hands or hardening them by labor. Beown hands or hardening them by labor. Being thus comfortably situated and having nothing to do himself, Epps sits about under the shade of the trees, reads as best he can the Scriptures and studies the political situation. The Richmond Planet, the leading negro organ of Virginia, published at the cipital by a negro, seems to be Epps' choice

Some months ago, Epps constituted him a preacher. He has not been regularly or-dained, but is merely a self constituted sort of D D. He leads prayer meetings, preaches in the absence of the regular appointee and officiates generally among the members of numerous flocks in this part of Pitteylvania county. Thus it happens that the Rev." J.mes Epps' name got on the list from hed the Mahone diterary bureau, as one worthy to receive Mahone's secret, in-

flammatory and communistic circulars.

Eurs has received a number of circulars and comes to the Danville postoffice every day to inquire for his mail. He rarely ever fatis to receive communications of some

ham's view, and thus refreshing his memory, asked Mr. Durham to read various verses from the 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th chapters of Joshua By reference to these the tribes of Israel. In the 17th chapter Mr. Durham read at Epps' request, who looked upon the card for the number of the chapter and verse, as follows:

But the mountain shall be thine; for it is a wood and theu shall cut it down; and the outgoings of it shall be thine; for thou shalt drive out the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots and though they be

"And Joshua said unto the children of Is

' And J shua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the Lord, and there Joshus divided the land unto the children of I-rael accord ing to their divisions."
"Now," said Eops, "will you interpret that Scripture for me."

Mr. Durham told him what it meant

Then pointing to Jim Stone's beautiful low grounds and the surrounding hills clothed in their many colored autumn vestures this modern Joshua of color said: "These are the lands referred to, and we colored people are the tribes, who are to cast lots for them. The time has come for the division."

Epps then referred again to his card and asked Mr Durham to read the 16 n verse of the 20 h chapter of Matthew. It was read as follows:

"So the last shall be first and the first last, for many be called, but few are cho-

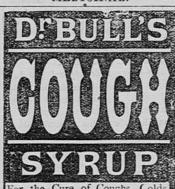
sen."

Epps said that meant that the negro who had always been last, should now be first, and after the election the negro would possess the land which was pix righ and the last would indeed be first. He folded the circular and after carefully placing it and the eard in his pocket, he told Mr. Durham that he was forming clubs of twenty and instructing them are their duties and low to proceed. He said that he was not allowed to form a club of less than twenty because less than that number could not do much, but in the theighberhood he thought he would get up a club of more

number could not do much, but in that neighbor-hood he thought he would get up a club of more than a hundred, perhaps a hundred and fifty. Now all this to the average mind may scund silly, and it is silly, but at the same time it is a very serious matter. Here is a smart, shewd, though comparatively ignorant negro, welling a wonderful influence over other ignorant and su-perstitious, seem religious, semi-barbarcus negroes, and teaching them that mon the result of the con-

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Mr. Durbam, saying they were secret. When the boy came with the Bible Epps referred to the card, which he kept hid from Dur chapters the reader will see that they speak of the division of the lands of Caraao among

In chap er 18 h Mr. Durham also read : "And there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes which had not yet re

Epps looked for a few moments at the se-cret circular, then at the card and said: "No, you are mistaken."